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For: CARBON FINE POWDER COATED WITH) Examiner: Etheridge, Empress A.
METAL OXIDE, METAL NITRIDE OR)
METAL CARBIDE, PROCESS FOR)
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND)
SUPERCAPACITOR AND SECONDARY)
BATTERY CARBON FINE POWDER)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated January 8, 2009, the period for reply to which extends through February 8, 2009, Applicants provisionally elect Group I covering claims 1-5.

REMARKS

The Examiner has made an election/restriction requirement necessitating election between the following groups of claims:

Group I, claim(s) 1-5, drawn to a coated carbon fine powder;

Group II, claim(s) 6-8, drawn to a process for producing a carbon fine powder;

Group III, claim(s) 9-18, drawn to a supercapacitor;

Group IV, claim(s) 19-25, drawn to a high performance secondary battery;

Group V, claim 26, drawn to a high performance secondary battery.

In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to proceed with the examination of claims 1-5 that are designated by the restriction requirement as being in Group I.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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